

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 693

By McKenzie

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John Henry "Butch" Perry, Jr., of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John Henry "Butch" Perry, Jr; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perry was born in Knoxville on September 10, 1941, to Eula Bell Burnett Perry and John Henry Perry, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Austin High School in 1959, John Perry went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from Knoxville College in 1964, a Master of Science degree in Education from the University of Tennessee in 1967, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Education in 1980 from Southern Illinois University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perry had an admirable career in education, teaching physical education for fifteen years at Mississippi Valley State University and eighteen years at Maryville College, where he served as the head of the department and became the first African American professor to receive tenure; and

WHEREAS, John Perry, Jr., was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., for sixty years; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, John Perry always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perry is survived by his loving mother, Eula Boyd; his devoted wife of fifty-seven years, Joyce Kimbrough Perry; his daughters, Joycelyn Perry and Jarenda Perry-Goodman; his grandsons, Carlos (Ashley) Goodman, Jr., and Michael Montgomery, Jr.; his great-grandchildren, Lennox, Landon, Leah, and Ava; his sister, Betty Lowery; his brother-in-law, Anthony Kimbrough; his sister-in-law, Mae Kimbrough; his aunt, Mary Sanders; his

nephews, Marvin (Meshelle) Lowery, Jr., Frederick Lowery, and John-Christopher (Cordia) Lowery; and his special cousins, Norman George, Evelyn Carter, Sylvia Hemphill, Betty Blackman, Judy Burke, Shirley Kincaid, and Yolanda (Lydell) Hammond; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his father; and

WHEREAS, John Perry leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John Henry "Butch" Perry, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Perry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.